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The proposed settlement with Microsoft is a farce!! Courts have determined that Microsoft has injured companies and consumers through their anti-competitive practices. They should be punished for breaking the law.

The proposed settlement of \$1 billion in computers and software for schools is no punishment! Microsoft will not be paying retail, but will be claiming retail prices for the products they distribute. They won't spend more than a few million dollars, less than they would spend in marketing to the same group of schools.

Worse, you are hurting other computer companies. Allowing Microsoft to distribute their goods in these schools is further reaching than those schools. It extends to teachers and families associated with the schools. Once saddled with the Microsoft operating system, these people will be "stuck" with Microsoft. Other computer companies will be damaged.

You are, in effect, extending the Microsoft monopoly. STOP NOW!!!!

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